

REMARKS

The Examiner is requiring election in the above-identified application as follows:

A species selected from: laver, wakame, edible brown algae, sea tangle, chlorella, and spirulina. Applicants have provisionally elected, for search purpose only, the species: laver. Claims 1-2 read on the elected species.

With respect to the elected species, Applicants respectfully submit that, should the elected species be found allowable, the Office should expand its search to the non-elected species.

Applicants submit this application is now in condition for examination on the merits and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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